

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A method and apparatus for combining video frame
sequences with a video display of an interactive program
guide (IPG). The apparatus comprises a plurality of
compositors that combine background information, video frame
10 frame sequence. The sequence is then digitally encoded to
form an MPEG-like bitstream. The same background
information and informational video is composited with a
different program guide graphic to form another video
sequence that is also encoded. A plurality of such
15 sequences are produced with each sequence having a different
program guide graphic. Each sequence is encoded and then
multiplexed into a transport stream such that all the
encoded sequences are transmitted to a subscriber's terminal
using a single transport stream. As such, the subscriber
20 can transition from one program guide to the next without
interruption of the background or video display as the
program guide graphic is changed.

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